

As a professor of communication arts, I am well aware of the various research into the issue. Although I agree that keeping young children away from violence is a healthy and reasonable response of parents and should reflect in program geared toward children, programming for older children, teens and adults should be held to differing standards. The key is reality. Children begin to understand reality more concretely around 5 or 6, and more abstractly around 10 or 12. At this point, television violence is no longer a problem, the way we discuss it and the manner in which its presented (as rampant, as without consequence) is the problem.